

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Concerning**  
**TENTATIVE RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS**  
**ORDER 97-169**  
**FOR**  
**LAKE ALMANOR FOREST OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**PLUMAS COUNTY**

Lake Almanor Forest Owners Association is identified as the owner and operator of the wastewater treatment and disposal system at Lake Almanor Forest Subdivision (Facility) in Plumas County. On 8 August 1997, the Regional Water Board adopted Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) Order 97-169 to regulate the discharge from the Facility. The Facility's wastewater treatment and disposal system consists of individual septic tanks and leach fields located on residential and commercial/industrial properties that are located within the Lake Almanor Forest Subdivision.

Staff reviewed the Facility's casefile and determined the Facility's septic tank and leachfield systems could be regulated under existing County ordinances and their Local Agency Management Plan (LAMP) that was developed in response to the State Water Resources Control Board's Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (OWTS) Policy, Resolution No. 2018-0019 for Siting, Design, Operation and Maintenance of onsite wastewater treatment systems.

Therefore, WDRs Order 97-169 is no longer required. The Central Valley Water Board will consider rescinding WDRs Order 97-169. A public hearing to address this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: **16/17 April 2020**  
TIME: 8:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Kern County Administration Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Board of Supervisors Chambers  
1115 Truxton Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93301

The designated party(s) for this hearing is as follows:

- Robin Schumacher – Site Contact, Lake Almanor Forest Owners Association.

**Designated parties** but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

**Interested persons** may not cross examine witnesses and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below.

Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board, **no later than 5:00 pm on 23 March 2020**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The notification for the planned rescission of WDRs was issued on **21 February 2020**. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board **no later than 5:00 p.m. on 23 March 2020**. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions about the Lake Almanor Forest Owners Association facility should contact Heidi Bauer by telephone at (530) 224-4996. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the [Central Valley Water Board's Tentative Orders web page](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/) ([http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_decisions/tentative\\_orders/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/tentative_orders/)).

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available on the [Water Board's Agenda web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/agendas/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/)).

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request. Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The [Laws and Regulations Relevant to Current Public Proceedings](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws\\_regulations/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/)) and [Information on Meetings and Meeting Procedures](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/) ([https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board\\_info/meetings/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/)) are available on the Water Board's website or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464 4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735 2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by

Bryan J. Smith, P.E.

Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer